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NEW HAMPSHIRE RECEIVES FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR CHESHIRE, SULLIVAN COUNTIES

WASHINGTON— U.S. Senators Judd Gregg and John Sununu and U.S. Representative Charlie Bass today announced that federal assistance will come to Cheshire and Sullivan Counties to help recover from the severe storms and floods that occurred during the period of July 21 through August 18. The severe weather caused extensive damages to public and private property in the southwestern part of the state.

Senator Gregg, who wrote to the U.S. Emergency Preparedness and Response office of the Department of Homeland Security in support of the declaration stated, "The heavy storms and flooding this summer resulted in high, unanticipated costs for the state, counties and local communities affected. This declaration by the President assures that much needed assistance will come to the communities who need it most for recovery efforts."

"Cheshire and Sullivan County communities sustained considerable damage from this summer's severe storms and flooding. The FEMA funds released by President Bush's declaration will play a critical role in helping officials repair and rebuild local infrastructure," said Senator John Sununu.

"This is welcome news for all the affected communities in Cheshire and Sullivan counties," said Bass, who wrote the President in support of the declaration. "I commend President Bush for acting swiftly on the State's request. With fall and winter quickly approaching, time is of the essence to make the necessary repairs, which in many instances may depend on this funding."